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Adhesive to Glue Rioters Together Is Among Control Weapons Proposed

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The Nation's police are being urged to consider a wide range of supplemental

weapons, including a super water pistol, itching powder and sticky blobs to glue rioters together.

The suggestions are in a report by the Institute for Defense Analyses, which conducted its study of nonlethal weapons for the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice.

Among the recommendations and findings:

- The single most effective weapon now in the hands of police is the nightstick, yet few officers receive any more than initial training in its use.

- Evaluation is urgently needed for several newly developed hand-held chemical agents, and various spray, mist and droplet projectors employing tear gas or other irritants.

- Use of dyes, markers and associated devices

should be developed as a method of locating and identifying individuals.

- Possible mob-control weapons might include tossing nets on a crowd by hand or helicopter, firing sticky strings or bands to "link" people together, using plastic confetti to make the ground slippery, spraying the crowd with foam or itching powder or firing tranquilizer darts.

The Institute recommends establishment of a Federal riot investigating team, similar to the Civil Aeronautics Board's accident investigation unit. Such a group would move quickly into a riot area to give on-the-spot advice to police and would examine the effectiveness of riot work by law enforcement officers.